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SOME RECOLLECTIONS

OF THE CIVIL WAR Br. W. H. Hull

Doring the winter of 1860 61 country chared the agitation ion to our entire country. Be far the larger portion of our people were not original eccession of but when coersion was threat-Hed they cast in their lot with he South.

It is scarcely possible for the rounger generation of our people to lesize the profound anxiety, to the impending crisis that weighed upon the minds and sym pathies of our people. sould be seen standing or sitting around in groups earnestly disquesting the issues involved. pecially was this the case at the post offices and other public places The mails in those days were weekly and weakly, cometimes on account of high waters and other hinderances they did not come just as they do now, but's week was much longer to walt than when we have a daily mail. to Ob mail days crowds of people would gather at the post offices to get the news papers in order to hiar the news from the political centers. There were not nearly so many newspapers taken as at resent, and frequently some ore who was a good reader would be put up to read the news, and the comments of the leading men on the sination. As time progressed the clouds became darker and war evitable. An anomaly of the the was, that both the North delusion, that all either side and to do was to make a show of light and the other would back down. They went on cherishing this delusion until they rushed together, and blood was shed, and the war was on in carnest. In the spring of 1861 Capt. Daniel A Stofer, who had been a soldier the Mexican war, raised a company of volunteers at Huntersville There was also a volunteer cavdry company raised in the lower of the county, in the Levels District, which was afterwards sistended, and a second company districted of which Capt. Wm L. Mencel was captain. In the Man time efforts were being made to raise a volunteer company in the Greenbank district. Public ectings were held, speeches were and those able for military duty were urged to volunteer. otain Stofer attended these settings and was considered good amberity on military matters. Open one occasion the Captain bught his company with him and put them through a number military evolutions. During month of April a volunteer impany was organized at Green-ank numbering fifty-three mem-

assemble at Edray on the first trot May.

sers, rank and file, which was

number. J. C. Arbogast was

scied Captain; G. W. Siple 1st.

dent J. F. Gom, 2nd Lieut.

od John R. Warwick Orderly

terwards increased, from time

ne, to more than twice that

arday the 1st day of May. dir was a sad day all over the It seemed that the time e when loved once would so separate, perhape neve

of sgain in this world. The dompany from this end ty was drawn up in line bank, and many were the skings and tears shed reons made public red bade them farewell.

When finally they were compelled painstaking, and possessing that to go quite a number of persons, courtliness of manner, that solidity composed of elderly men, women, and substantialness which befits a and children, followed them to public man and juspires the confithe fording of the creek about depen of the people. In Mr. E. three fourths of a mile below the H Moore, of Academy, we have hear from some of the western village.

ally disagrees ble weather cape courage him in making the rus, and friends in West Virginia. any we have had for a great many Let us hear from other parts of The winters in Oklahoma are years, we still hold that we have the county. It would be highly quite mild and I think too short had more remarkable and extraor gratifying to ue to know that our On the contrary the summere s dinary weather in recent years, sentiments have been voiced by little toe long and hot. This is The wet weather of the year 1906 other voters. continued throughout August, September and Ostober. During the early part of October the rain fall was dreadfully heavy and the weather up to the 9th of the month was so dark, gloomy and depressing as to cast a damper tions of the country increased to found reading, spelling and arith- their attendance. This you know anlarming extent. On the night of the 10th a severe storm raged taken up geography, language, evil. of Academy and on the morning The added studies have met the ing and getting ready to now onte ley of the Little Levels, dashing of something to busy himself spring vegetables. When it raive and tossing the snow in such con- with, and the school house is it pours in torrents, and then fusion as to remind one of a west- looked upon by the child as a will auddenly clear up and one ern blizzard. It continued in se- prison pen rather than a place of cannot help but think how eau ing the ground with snow to a but one pupil absent for any everything quiet as a numb. depth of two inches, and causing length of time, and sickness be- This is a beautiful country and A beautiful and picturesque sight that the patrenage of the district stands on a little knotl-fifteen or was the green cake, grass and all shall still retain the same interest twenty miles. You can see the kinds of vegetation covered with in the future months of our school water towers of some of the cities the spotless white snow. Up to as they have in the peat, for with and towns. They have everythe time of the sterm jack frost out them being interested in the thing up-to-date here. The R. had not put in his appearance. | welfare of their shildren the teach F. D. men have automobiles to never tinged with his blighting or cannot accomplish much let carry the mail as often as any breath a single leaf, plant or flow him try ever so hard. I wish to other way, and some of the autocame it found everything is the trict my sincerest regards, and The best kind of dry feed they, the rainbow one in this section of country can ready to aid in any undertaking cow peas. Oow pea hay is one ever remember of the storms and that shall make the future appear of the finest things for milch cows snows of winter coming before brighter for the rising generation. in the world. We have thorough the frost. It was a reversal of the Teach the child in his youth the ly tried it and know whereof we laws of nature and will in all road it should follow, and it will speak. The price of hogs are probability never occur again, not betray therefrom in old age. Then if not exacting on your time and patience we would like to refer to April, 1907, which will in all probability never be forgotten because of its unusually. cold and stormy weather. On the 6th day a series of cold furiously driven snow storms began which continued without intermission up to the 16th. Ten days without a halt. Think of it! Such a spell of continuous cold stormy weather in the month of April never ee curred in the memory of the old est inhabitant. Reliable persons coming in from the Cranberry country reported the snow 28 inches in depth. When the awful storm began it was regarded lightly by the peopl, as storms of enow rarely last over two days in April. But when it raged for 10 successive days it cast a gloom

everybody longed for the end. There is considerable sickness in this neighborhood, grip and whooping cough being the most prevalent. Mrs. M. J. McNeel who has been quite ill is slowly convalescing also Mrs. Osptain Edgar and Mrs. George Callicon Floyd Hinkle's baby, aged about six months, died of whoop

over the whole community and

the volunteer troops of the county ing cough on Saturday morning February 22nd.

places building a residence on the of he recently purshased from her in gerting herior note. the Miseer Beard.

The appropriate of J Bossard for sheriff of the county as we presume, earned the vovere to think seriously of a suitable erson to succeed him as sesseed

Green Hill School over everybody. Suicides in por above mentioned district I only ments to get them interested in in the mountains north and west physiology, history and grammar. The people here are busy plow of the 11th it swept over the val approval of alf. Starve the child and plant potatoes and other ear y there deer it was a pleasant place to verity throughout the day, cover- learning. So far there has been such changes be so quickly, and general enspension of business. ing the cause of this. We trust one can see a long way when he eautiful greeness of spring. No trust that they may always be have here for stock is alfalfa, and

Edray Walls proved at this time.

ceverte, is visiting relatives here. at this writing.

John D. Gay, who has been very sick, is improving slowly. Wm. Baxter has been visiting friends at Dry Branch for some

Harper and Kent Turner have gone south to spend the winter.

attending school at Marliaton is almost counter balances the differat home, and will attend the remainder of the Edray school.

ton spent Sunday with their pa- deous size. This may not be in-

Thomas Malcomb, of Knapps I will stop. Oreek, was visiting his sister-in law, Mrs. Geo. Tyler, recently. Neal Barlow, of Warwick has been visiting his father who ha been quite poorly for some time. George Griffin, who has been

two weeks, is able to be out. W. H. Shearer was in this part

confined to his bed with grip for

The Governor of South Caroli-

From Oklahoma Ponca City, Okla. February 19, 1908.

Editor Possbontas Times: Thinking you would like to just such a man, and we hope friends, and as this is the first that every voter in the sounty will winter weather we have had in rise as one man and select Mr. 1908, the one inch of spor and While we do not doubt that the Moore for our next assessor. The cold weather made me a little present winter for continued cold, unequivees support of the voters home sick, and made me fall to snows, storms, drifts and gener- of the county would greatly on- thinkin of my numerous relatives

> the only fault I can find with Oklahoma. They have good schools and churches here and the Sub-district of Edray: As we public schools and also the Sabsever gave an account of our bath schools are carefully attendschool, we will here give a brief ed to. The Sunday school teach escription. When I first came ers in our church will make presand enlisted upon my duty in the lents and offer all kinds of inducemetic. But since then we have is calculated to do good and not

down and lots of other things EMMERIN O. Busn, Teacher, since the panic struck, no But notwithstanding this we are all faring sumptuously every day and Mrs. Ruth Moore is much im have nothing yet to complain of

The people here are kind to a Mrs. F. P. Anderson, of Ron fault, and ready to help one anoth er if needed. There are so many Elmer Posge is on the sick list Germans and all kinds of foreigners here, and representatives from every state-less from Geor gla and Virginia than from any two states; the statisfice show it There are so many Canadians: our family physician is a Coundlan and is a fine mas. The water here is not up to our good old springs in the mountains, but Miss Rath Sharp, who has been the grapes and peaches raised here ence in these two blessings. The peach tree lives longer here than Misses Clara and Edith Mars- in Virginia, and grows to a tremen teresting to my good friends, so

The Baptists of St Albane are without a pastor. They advertised for one, received an answer, made contract and when the new lead er of the flock arrived he was ef the wrong color. Tee days after the advertisement appeared a letter cares from St. Louis from Ray Ad R. Stallings, who said be was al a few days ago gathering up his Baprist of the old school and could

The Ram

Being the Reminiscences of alex of Nature Fakir new torinación

John Kendrick Bangs

deer, but them days is gone. When the poppylation was largely made up an' our houses an' our rocks, an' them

days than I could in them times when I had to lend them artist fellers the money to buy postage stamps to send

most liear him bas. I never see such that worn out old ram of Si Wother-Maine, 'Old Horace, the Mascot," 'T Children's Hour.' 'A Study in Scarlet.'

"And finally old Whiskers died?" I put in inquiringly.
"Tep—finally old Whiskers died," said the captain. "Ye see Dusenbe ure, right by the sea, to do his paintin in in wet weather. He called it a stugio, it looked like a woodshed be-hind and a cold frame in front. The light be seeded to paint by. Them are except: Sundays he turned out what he called a new study o'. Whishers. He had him gasin' out to sea with a



would tell about all they was to be berry didn't seem to find no difficulty turned to to do thutty more, only this He had Whiskers leapin' over meant by that that old Whiskers ex-

"No," said the captain. "Long about the tenth week I sort o' quit askin' He got kind of tetchy whenever made remarks about what he was not make any more, because sooner or later I might say somethin' that would

make him say somethin' that I'd have to lick him for, and seein' as how his wife bought eggs o' my wife, and loban' nature. I got so that once when made of old Whiskers in which the

blat and growl, and frown and shake hisself all over as if he was mad from one end to the other; and one morn



eatin' some real grass and chawin' up the old odds and ends of Sunday newspapers an' ten-cent magazine that lay around, he see old man Ber ... Als lay are glesworth settin in tront of his case wouldn't ha' knowed it. The verse He let out a short ye could hear from an' started on a dead run for Boggles worth, an' the first thing we fellers as . was cleanin' fish an' mendin' our net down by the cove knewed he'd butter

the street at the

nights, instead of havin's small boy "Monday night, Dusenberry locked

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